

DUSSEHRA-VIJAYADASHAMI

As the name suggests Vijayadashmi or Dussehra is celebrated on the tenth day of the month of Ashwin according to the Hindu lunisolar calendar which corresponds to September or October of the Gregorian calendar. The first nine days are celebrated as Maha Navratri (Devnagari: नवरात्रि, 'nine nights') or Sharada Navratri (the most important Navratri) and culminates on the tenth day as Dasara.

As per Hindu religion, on this day in the Treta Yug, Rama, also called Shri Ram, the seventh avatar of Vishnu, killed the great demon Ravana who had abducted Rama's wife Sita to his kingdom of Lanka. Rama, his brother Lakshmana, their follower Hanuman and an army of monkeys fought a great battle to rescue Sita. The entire narrative is recorded in the epic Ramayana, a Hindu scripture. Rama had performed "Chandi Homa" and invoked the blessings of Durga, who blessed Rama with secret knowledge of the way to kill Ravana. On the day of Ashvin Shukla Dashami, Rama's party found Sita and defeated Ravana. Thus it is termed as Vijaya Dashami. Based on the inferences from Valmiki's Ramayana, Kalidas's Raghuvans, Tulsidas's Ram Charit Manas, and Keshavdas's Ram Chandra Yas Chandrika as well as common perception in India, Rama, Sita, and of Lakshmana returned to Ayodhya on the 30th day of Ashvin (19–20 days after Vijayadashmi). To mark the return of Lord Rama, in the evening, the residents of Ayodhya lit their city with millions of earthen lamps (called Deepak). Since then, this day is celebrated in India as Deepawali or Diwali.

Many people perform "Aditya Homa" as a "Shanti Yagna" and recite Sundara Kanda of Srimad Ramayana for 5 days. These Yagna performances are thought to create powerful agents in the atmosphere surrounding the house that will keep the household environment clean and healthy. These rituals are intended to rid the household of the ten bad qualities, which are represented by 10 heads of Ravana as follows: Kama vasana (Lust), Krodha (Anger), Moha (Attachment), Lobha (Greed), Mada (Over Pride), Matsara (Jealousy), Swartha (Selfishness) Anyaaya (Injustice), Amanavta (Cruelty), Ahankara (Ego).

Some householders perform Yagnas thrice daily along with Sandhya Vandana, which is also called Aahavaneeya Agni, Grahapatya Agni or Dakshina Agni. In addition, the Aditya Homa is performed with the Maha Surya Mantras and the Aruna Prapathaka of the Yajurveda. These mantras are believed to keep the heart, brain and digestive functions in balance in the absence of adequate sunlight in the winter months. SOURCE - WIKIPEDIA

Happy Dussehra



Everyday the sun rises to give us a message of Dussehra -
that darkness will always be beaten by light in the end..



Happy Dussehra





As Shri Ram kills Ravana,
and comes back to people he loves,
As Maa Durga kills Mahish-asura,
and prepares to go back to her heavenly abode,
May these good-over-evil stories,
Inspire you towards your own victories in life!

Happy Dussehra
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Aanrushamsyam paro dharmah :

To be compassionate, kind, merciful
and humane is a great virtue.

Happy Dussehra

HAPPY DUSSEHRA



Devotees offer prayers to an idol of Hindu goddess Durga on Dussehra in Kolkata.







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Two Ravan effigies being prepared for the Dussehra festival in Nainital, Uttarakhand.



Performers dressed up for the Ramaleela play as part of Dussehra celebrations.



Goddess deities are carried around on colorful chariots in the Kullu region of Himachal Pradesh, India.



Colorful effigies of Ravan are made for Dussehra celebrations in Delhi, India.



It's believed that the chariots are powered by the gods.



Dussehra celebrations block the streets in the Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh, India.



Colorful painted elephants form part of the parade at the Mysore Dussehra festival celebrations.



Part of the parade for Dussehra at Mysore in Karnataka, India.



The Mysore Palace in Karnataka, illuminated for Dussehra.





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People celebrate as the effigy of Ravana is burnt in Patna.



Dussehra celebrations begin at Subash Maidan at Delhi





People cheer as the effigy of Ravana is burnt at Subhash Maidan at Delhi

